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RE: Status Report
Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Site
South Plainfield, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wilson:

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This letter is to inform you of the status of the work at the above-referenced project.

At a site safety orientation conducted by Oxford Environmental, Inc. (Oxford) at the subject site today, there were concerns raised by several employees of the contractor, V.A. Spatz & Sons, as to the "level of comfort" they have with performing their duties on the subject site. The result was that the assigned crew for the project were not comfortable with their scope of work on the project. V.A. Spatz & Sons has therefore withdrawn at the present time in order to reassess its approach to the project.

Oxford has informed the property owner, DSC of Newark Enterprises, Inc. of the situation, and will seek resolution to this situation post haste. Oxford will perform the following:

- provide DSC of Newark Enterprises continued support in complying with the terms of the Order and Site Operations Plan;
- continue negotiations and dialogue with V.A. Spatz & Sons regarding its employees' concerns about health and safety while working on the site;



- open dialogue and negotiations with other qualified contractors to determine possible substitution of contractors; and
- explore alternative approaches in performing the work required by the Site Operations plan such as subcontracting task specific work by Oxford.

As situations develop, I will advise your office.

If you have any questions or concerns in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact John Hendry.

Very truly yours,

J.A. Timothy Francisco Environmental Engineer

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c: Lara Coraci